

Waltham City Council

Minutes of the Special Meeting of

August 24, 2016

President Marchese called the meeting to order just after 7PM.
City Clerk Rosario Malone clerked the meeting.

The Clerk called the roll of the City Council.

Call of the Roll:

Present: Darcy, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Vizard, Giordano, Waddick, Marchese, Vidal, Fowler

Absent: O'Brien, Logan, McMenimen, Romard, Rourke, Brasco

The Clerk recited the Council Prayer, and then President Marchese led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councillor Giordano asked for a moment of silence for all our military that have served; past and present.

President Marchese invited Mayor McCarthy into the chamber. The Mayor entered the Chamber and spoke on the Special Meeting Agenda the Mayor had called. The Mayor spoke on the first agenda item; 380 Lexington Street. The Mayor gave a brief overview of the status of the property. Councillor LeBlanc spoke on the matter. Councillor Waddick asked the President how many votes are needed for this matter to be voted on and passed. The answer was a two thirds vote (10 votes). Councillor Waddick, Giordano, McLaughlin, Fowler and Vidal all asked questions to the Mayor regarding this matter. President Marchese referred the matter to the Committee of the Whole.

President Marchese read the second agenda item: 554 Lexington Street. The Mayor stated in her letter to the Council regarding this matter be done in executive session. Councillor Vizard moved to table the matter on the Council floor until the end of the meeting. All were in favor. Matter was tabled on the Council floor.

President Marchese read the third agenda item: Banks School Condominium bids.
President Marchese spoke on the matter. President Marchese referred the matter to the Finance Committee.

President Marchese read the fourth agenda item: Waltham School Committee request regarding the Fernald Property.

Mayor McCarthy spoke on the matter. Councillor McLaughlin spoke on the matter. He supported the first recommendation from the Mayor and moved approval of the request to allow the school committee to submit an application to the Mass. Historic Commission in order to complete their feasibility study on the Fernald property. On the motion Councillor Waddick spoke on the matter. He asked questions to the Mayor. The Mayor stated that the governing document that dictates the Fernald Land states that the Mayor and the City Council must sign off on the request. The Mayor does not believe she unilaterally has the authority to make the decision. Councillors LeBlanc, Fowler, Giordano, Vizard all spoke on the motion.

President Marchese noted that the Waltham Superintendent Dr. Drew Echelson, Principal of WHS Greg Demeo and School Committee members Frassica, Graceffa and Rando were in

attendance. President Marchese also noted and had asked to stand all the members in attendance that were on the WHS Building Committee.

Councillor Waddick, LeBlanc McLaughlin and Darcy all spoke on the motion as well.

Present Marchese noted that Councillor McLaughlin moved to split the question/vote sited on the commination from the Mayor dated August 22nd.

The motion on the floor is to authorize the school committee and its agents to submit and complete the application process to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for the Fernald Land as part of their feasibility study. President Marchese reiterated that this vote does not determine definitely or affirmatively any use of the land for the school it lets the school complete the process to even consider the land for a possible use for a high school. Roll call is requested.

All in Favor: Darcy, Fowler, Giordano, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Vidal, Vizard, Marchese

Opposed: Waddick

Absent: Brasco, Logan, McMenimen, Rourke, Romard, O'Brien

Motion was adopted. Matter was approved.

President Marchese called a one minute recess.

President Marchese called the meeting back to order.

Councillor McLaughlin moved to table the matter regarding #2 on the Mayors communication dated August 22, 2016 stating to authorize the school committee to have 25 acres (CPA land) (westerly side) and 25 acres (non CPA land) (off Waverly Oaks Road on the southwesterly side for consideration of a new high school). All were in favor and the matter was tabled on the Council floor.

President Marchese called a one minute recess.

President Marchese called the meeting back to order. Councillor LeBlanc moved to take the matter regarding 554 Lexington Street off of the table. All were in favor.

The matter was before the Council. Councillor LeBlanc moved to go into executive session and have Rosario Malone clerk the session and the Mayor attend the session as well. All were in favor. Roll call required.

All in Favor: Darcy, Fowler, Giordano, LeBlanc, McLaughlin, Vidal, Vizard, Marchese, Waddick

Opposed: None

Absent: Brasco, Logan, McMenimen, Rourke, Romard, O'Brien

Motion was adopted. Matter was approved.

The Council went into executive session.

The Council broke from executive session. Councillor LeBlanc moved to table the matter regarding 554 Lexington Street on the Council floor.

All were in favor. Matter was tabled on the Council floor.

Councillor LeBlanc moved to adjourn. The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Council President Marchese declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by:

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